

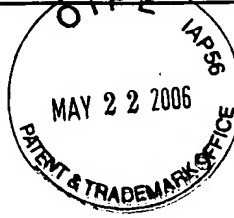
**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re the Application of: **Hiroyuki OHTA**

Application Number: **10/721,080**

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For: **SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE HAVING STI WITHOUT DIVOT  
AND ITS MANUFACTURE**



Group Art Unit: **2818**

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**RESPONSE**

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Sir:

This paper is filed in response to the Office Action dated January 4, 2006, the response date having been extended by two months to June 4, 2006 pursuant to the Petition for Extension of Time filed herewith.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

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